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Methodist Church Selling Chicken Halves

The Kewanna United Methodist Church is selling tickets for carry-out Amish chicken. The rotisserie-cooked chicken is prepared by Rochester Meat and Deli. Tickets are \$5 for half a chicken and can be purchased from various church members and at The Observer. The chickens can be picked up at the church on the corner of Toner and Pearl Streets in Kewanna from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

Purchasers also have the option of purchasing chicken to be frozen and distributed through the Kewanna Community Food Pantry.

Proceeds from the chicken sales will go towards the church's new handicap bathroom.

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Annual Rummage Rumble Set for June 17

Kewanna's annual Rummage Rumble, the community-wide garage/yard sale day, has been set for Saturday, June 17. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those wishing to participate and have their sale put on the map to be distributed may sign up at Kewanna Pro Hardware, the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library, or the Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank.

The annual event is sponsored by Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. The group would appreciate donations to help cover the cost of advertising in several area newspapers and radio stations.

For more information, call Bev Baldwin at 574-653-2622 or Sheri Cook at 574-653-9919 or 574-653-2029.

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Garage Sale Breakfast

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast of biscuits and gravy, eggs, juice, etc. Saturday, June 17, in conjunction with the town-wide yard/garage sale day. Serving will be from 7 to 10 a.m. at the post on Railroad Street and the cost will be a free will donation.

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Fish and Chicken Dinner at Fulton

The Fulton Athletic League will serve an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken dinner Saturday, June 10, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fulton Liberty Park. The cost of the meal is \$6.50 for adults in advance or \$7 at the door and \$4.50 in advance for children 6-12 or \$5 at the door. Children age five and under may eat free. The fish and chicken will be prepared by Ernie Hiatt.

Attend Church Sunday

Methodist Church Announces Bible School

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host a Bible school for area youngsters July 24-28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is "SonTreasure Island". For more information, contact Janine Smith at 574-817-0519.

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Fish and Chicken Supper at Grass Creek

The Grass Creek Lions Club will serve a fish and chicken supper Saturday, June 3, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grass Creek Fire Station. The cost of the meal will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6-12. Children five and under may eat free of charge. Dessert will be included with the meal and carry-outs will be available.

Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the fish and chicken.

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Happy Hoosiers to Meet

The Union Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station.

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Service Notes

William J. Sigo

William J. Sigo, Kewanna, recently enlisted in the United States Air Force. William graduated from Caston High School in May 2004. He is scheduled to report to basic military training on September 19. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course, he is scheduled to receive training in the mechanical area.

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The News In Brief

Woodlawn Hospital trustees have hired John Alley as the hospital's new chief executive officer. He replaces James O'Keefe who left Rochester in November for the helm of Mile Bluff Medical Center in Mauston, Wisconsin. Alley was the hospital's chief financial officer. The hospital board of trustees is now looking for a new financial officer.

Caston's Bryan Powlen placed first in shot put as well as discus at the track and field regional in Kokomo Saturday to earn a trip to the state finals next weekend at Indiana University.

**Recycling Days
Sat., June 3rd,
Fri., June 16-30**

Caston Elementary Holds Awards and Recognition Program

Caston Elementary held its end-of-the-school year awards and recognition program Friday afternoon, May 26.

Students receiving perfect attendance awards included:

First grade - Gabrielle Brouette and Mia Henderson

Second grade - none

Third grade - Dalton Daily, Brandon Garver, Austin Grandstaff, Colt Hileman, Bradley Justice, Dustin Offenberger and Jenna Showley

Fourth grade - Cheyanne Fagan, Chrystle LaChance and Aaron Morrow

Fifth grade - Chance Ault, Caleb Baldwin, John Fagan, Jennifer Haines, Alisha Vice and Elizabeth Wright

Sixth grade - Kevin Graham, Taylor Grounds, Zachery Kesler and Brittney Offenberger

The President's Education Award was presented to the following sixth graders - Kent Burton, Emily Douglass, Dylan Johnson, Graham Redweik, Brittney Offenberger, Zachary Cowell, Kyle Harvey, Madison Jones, Christen Sailors, Trent Cripe, Trevor Hoover, Holly Kingery, Jessica Showley and Olivia Thomson.

The American Legion Citizenship Award was presented by John Randle to sixth grader, Graham Redweik.

Students honored for making the "A" honor roll were:

Second grade - Alyssa Fagner, Samuel Rhymer, and Emily Strain

Third grade - Bryana Slisler

Fourth grade - Hayley Hoover, Anthony Strain, and Matthew Thomas

Fifth grade - none

Sixth grade - Emily Douglass, Holly Kingery, Graham Redweik, Jessica Showley and Olivia Thomson

Students recognized for achieving the "A/B" honor roll included:

Second grade - Dakota Andrade, Garrett Brouette, Darin Chew, Jaycee Denton, Melanie Hollar, Jacob Kistler, Michael Remley, Terry Scott, Nathan Winters, Kylie Pugh, Michael Smith, Mariah LaChance, Luke Sutton, Emilee Thomson, Trey Young, Seth Moon, Rachel Strawn, Nathan Callender, Madison Martin, Preston Walker, MaKenzie Norris, Michael Duncan, Kyler Spencer, Sarina Vice, Makenna Ritter and Santiago Henderson

Third grade - Madison Taylor, Kennedy Crissinger, Sarah Holt, Dustin Offenberger, Ashley Scheffer, Justin Shelton, Braden Vorhees, Braden Moss, Shawn Brown, Carrissa Ruby, Dakota Southerton, Kylee Sutton, Jacob Kingery, Trey Doan, Jacqueline Rans, Jenna Showley, Dalton Dailey, Cheyanne Meyer, and Sara VanderLeek

Fourth grade - Amber Reffitt,

Derek Berkshire, Katie Henry, Tierney Rentschler, Quentin Douglass, Mason Shafer, Michael Beall, Anna Brown, Braxton Lee and Mickayla Rans

Fifth grade - Marissa Hicks, Katy Williamson, Kendall Carlson, Jordan Hollar, Abby Holt, Zachary Smith, Katelynn Miller, Jordan Moss, Caleb Rowe and Amanda Watson

Sixth grade - Trevor Hoover, Kent Burton, Garrett Gates, Kara Smith, Kyle Harvey, Christen Sailors, Zachery Kesler, Amelia Hawkey, Zachary Cowell, Cody Clupper, Trent Cripe, Dylan Johnson, Brittney Offenberger, and Luke Schroder

Kara Smith was recognized for the extraordinary effort she put into achieving her best during her elementary years.

Several students received awards for achieving their accelerated reader awards during the past year. This award included \$10 gift certificates from Wal-mart provided by the PTO.

Students who participated in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade spelling bee were recognized. These included:

Fourth grade - Haley Hoover, Anthony Strain, Abby Kemper, Quentin Douglass, Morgan Clupper, Britny Frye, Daniel Jones, Amber Reffitt and James Cox (top fourth grade speller)

Fifth grade - Brock Hartman, Kendall Carlson, Sammi Swanson, Bradley Jakes, Marissa Hicks, Jordan Moss, Zachary Smith and Joey Hook (top fifth grade speller)

Sixth grade - Austin Autry, Michael Smith, Garrett Gates, Brianna Baker, Luke Schroder, Taylor Grounds, Cole Nilson, Jessica Showley and Graham Redweik (top sixth grade speller)

The overall champion was Graham Redweik. Jessica Showley received second place overall. Both received a trophy and a dictionary.

The Academic Spell Bowl team was also honored. They included

Derek Berkshire, Quentin Douglass, Marissa Hicks, Marli Leazenby, James Cox, Chad French, Haley Hoover, Emily Douglass, Kyle Harvey, Daniel Jones and Graham Redweik.

The ciphering contest winners were:

Fourth grade - 1. Haley Hoover, 2. Braxton Lee, 3. Anthony Strain, 4. Derek Berkshire, and 5. Amber Reffitt

Fifth grade - 1. Bradley Jakes, 2. Bryan Leland, 3. Francis Dale, 4. Caleb Baldwin, and 5. Kendall Carlson

Sixth grade - 1. Madison Jones, 2. Dylan Johnson, 3. Emily Mangelsdorf, 4. Maggie Dailey, and 5. Branson Troglen

The Academic Math Bowl students who were recognized during the program were Kent Burton, Kyle Harvey, Emily Douglass, Luke Schroder, Zek Kesler, Anthony Strain, Derek Berkshire, Quentin Douglass, Trevor Hoover, Jessica Showley, Justin Hann, Cody Ailes, Daniel Scales, Katie Henry, Jory Goff, Zac Cowell, Brittney Offenberger, Graham Redweik, Kara Smith, Zachary Smith, Tierney Rentschler, Mason Shafer and Matthew Thomas.

Students recognized for serving on the student council included Kevin Graham, Jasimine Westbrook, Zachary Smith, Josh Andrade, Quentin Douglass, Marissa Hicks, Derek Berkshire, Haley Johnson, Jacob Howdeshell, Katie Henry, Britny Frye, Kyle Harvey, Kara Smith, Emily Douglass, Daniel Jones and Mitchell Kerr.

Students recognized for raising and lowering the flag every day were Kevin Graham, Kent Burton, Luke Schroder, Holly Kingery, Emily Douglass, Brittney Offenberger, Graham Redweik, Zachary Cowell, Amelia Hawkey, Kyle Harvey, Robert Coby, Zachery Kesler, Olivia Thomson and Brandon

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Grass Creek Lions Award Scholarships

The Grass Creek Lions Club recently presented \$250 scholarships to Kyle Sommers, left, and Lucas Powlen, right.

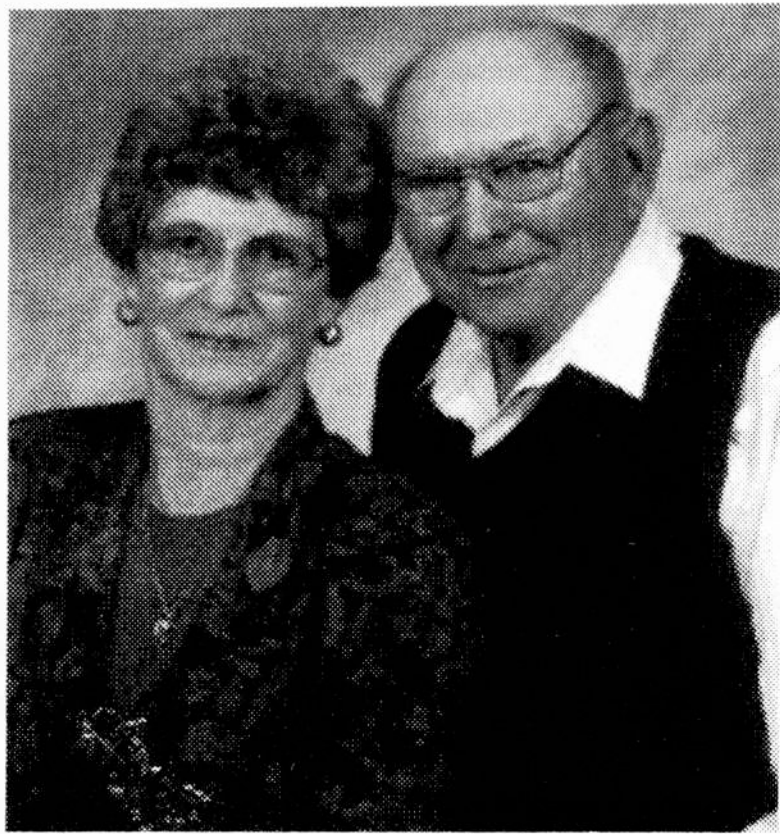
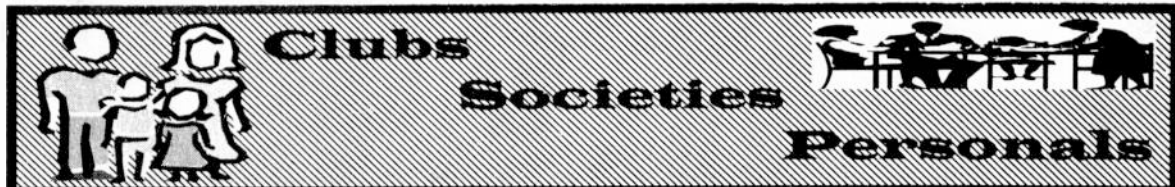
The club gives a \$250 scholarship annually to a graduating Caston senior. This

year, it became difficult to choose one winner, so two scholarships were awarded.

The scholarships are made possible by community support of the club's fund raisers.

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Send In Your News



Fred and Millie Ditmire to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Fred and Millie Ditmire, Rochester, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 11. Their children are hosting an open house in their honor from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Aubbeenuabbee Township community building in Leiters Ford. Friends and family are invited to share in this celebration by attending and bringing cards. However, the couple requests that gifts be omitted.

Fred and the former Millie Davis were married June 15, 1956 by the Rev. Lewis Haskell at the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church. They have lived on their farm west of Delong since that time. Fred was born on the farm, which as been in his family for 150 years.

Fred is a retired farmer and Millie is retired from an

insurance agency in Culver where she worked for 33 years. She is the organist at the Leiters Ford church where they were married.

Their children include Jeff Ditmire and his wife, Darla, Rochester; Coleen Watwood, Culver; and Melanie Pitts and her husband, JayC, Rochester. They also have seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, June 5 – Cornflake crumb pork, sweet potatoes, cauliflower with cheese sauce, Mandarin oranges, cookie and wheat bread

Wednesday, June 7 – Ham loaf, mushroom potatoes, brussel sprouts, spiced pears, cake and wheat bread

Friday, June 9 – Vegetable soup and crackers, one-half chicken salad sandwich, broccoli, fresh apple and glazed fruit salad

Caston Awards Program

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Troglen.

Sixth grade students receiving certificates of promotion to junior high were Hali Berry, Christopher Brown, Kent Burton, Brandon Ciavordoni, Maggie Daily, Garret Gates, Samantha Hale, Kyle Harvey, Katie Hawkey, Lily Henderson, Kristine Hines, Trevor Hoover, Jacob Miller, Milo Moran, Graham Redweik, Andy Richardson, C. J. Roland, Jessica Showley, Kara Smith, Olivia Thomson, Angel Vanderwall, Cody Ailes, Kali Baker, Reese Biehl, Brittany Coby, Philip Dilley, Quinton Ellison, Bruce Gaddy, Melissa Gilbert, Taylor Grounds, Amelia Hawkey,

Mitchell Kerr, Zeke Kesler, Emily Manglesdorf, Cole Nilson, Christen Sailors, Michael Smith, Branson Troglen, Jasimine Westbrook, Morgan Woods, Missy Zartman, Austin Autry, Brianna Baker, Cody Clupper, Robert Coby, Zachary Cowell, Trent Cripe, Emily Douglass, Kevin Graham, Justin Hann, Dylan Johnson, Madison Jones, Holly Kingery, Zach Lee, Brittney Offenberger, Luke Schröder, Brandon Troglen, Audrey Vorhees, Quinton Walker and Brittany Zartman.

The sixth graders were the guests of honor at a reception following the awards ceremony.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH will meet Wednesday, June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PMH conference center. The group is open to residents of any county who have experienced the death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information.

The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, June 1, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the PMH Hospice Center. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the group experience, it is highly suggested that you meet with the grief counselor alone to assess your individual needs. Call 574-946-2180.

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Couple to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Deb and Tim Cogdill, Macy, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at an open house to be held at their home Saturday, June 10, beginning at 1 p.m. The couple lives at 3499 E 950 S, Macy.

Tim and Deb were married June 6, 1981 in Broomfield, Colorado. They have four children, Gen Baker and her husband, Eric, and Michelle Sheline and her husband, Derek, all of Kokomo, Candace Field and her husband, Mark, Grass Creek, and Kristy Cogdill, at home.

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PMH will sponsor a sports physical fair Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is open to athletes from all local schools. The athletes must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost of the physical is \$5. Call 574-946-2157 to schedule an appointment.

will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. Patients, families and caregivers are all welcome. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 574-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

May 22
Admissions - Ronald Harrell, Logansport; Marilyn Shultz and Nellie Fuller, Rochester; Gladys Kroft, Akron
Dismissals - Clarence Tharp, Rochester
May 23
Admissions - Cleties Wagoner, Culver
Dismissals - Ronald Harrell, Logansport
May 24
Admissions - Richard Snavelly, Argos
Dismissals - Nellie Fuller, Rochester; Cleties Wagoner, Culver
May 25
Admissions - Claudia Criss, Peru
Dismissals - Donald Hair, Rochester
May 26
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - Marilyn Shultz, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

May 19
Admissions - Frances Smith, Winamac
Dismissals - Ronald Clark, Winamac, Terry Warrick, Medaryville, Paul Weaver, Monterey
May 20
Admissions - Albert Scheffer, Winamac
Dismissals - None
Births - Joos Cornelius and Breda Celeste (Clemons) Moerland, North Judson, a daughter, Essie Silvana Moerland
May 21
Admissions - Thomas Anspach, Winamac; Minnie Warren, Medaryville
May 22
Admissions - David Warren, Winamac
Dismissals - Breda Moerland and daughter, Essie Silvana, North Judson; Carolyn Eskridge and Thomas Anspach, Winamac
May 23
Admissions - William Doty and Ben Hawes, Winamac
Dismissals - None
Births - Joshua Raymond Hunnicutt and Stephanie Nicole Fulgham, Star City, a daughter, Breanna Irene Hunnicutt; Nicholas Robert Chambers and Crystal Noel DeWitt, Star City, a son, Draven

Otto Chambers
May 24
Admissions - None
Dismissals - Frances Smith, William Doty, Albert Scheffer and Ben Hawes, Winamac
May 25
Admissions - Henry Kolar and Ann Prange, Winamac
Dismissals - David Warren, Winamac; Crystal DeWitt and son, Draven Otto Chambers, Star City
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DEATHS.....

W. EVERETT McVAY

W. Everett McVay, 87, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, passed away at 12:31 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2006 at the Mark Twain Caring Center. The former Royal Center resident was born May 27, 1918 in Carroll County to Lewis Dale and Gladys Meeker McVay. He was married December 11, 1937 in the Royal Center Methodist Church to Thelma O. Baker. She died July 30, 1997.

A 1938 graduate of Royal Center High School, Mr. McVay was a retired farmer, a member of the Grass Creek United Methodist Church and liked to travel.

Survivors include five sons, Wayne McVay, Darl McVay and Marvin McVay, all of Twelve Mile, Lyle McVay, Poplar Bluff, MO, and Roger McVay, Royal Center; four daughters, Virginia Nimon, Ft. Wayne, Anita Miller, Royal Center, Connie Davis, Edmonton, Kentucky, and Linda Guley, Fairview Heights, Illinois; one brother, Owen McVay, Rochester; one sister, Lois Scottney, Marion; 35 grandchildren; 51 great-

grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Dale Baker, Royal Center and Forrest Baker, Kewanna; and one sister-in-law, Helen Bonnell, Star City. He was preceded in death by two daughters, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 5, at the Grass Creek United Methodist Church with Pastor Dale Baker officiating. Burial will be in the Grass Creek Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grass Creek United Methodist Church.

Harrison - Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center, was in charge of arrangements.
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GALE SLATER

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 26, in the Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Fulton chapel, for Gale Slater, 87, Fulton. Pastor Bruce Russell officiated and burial, with military graveside rites conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, was in the Fulton Cemetery. Mr. Slater died at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2006, in his residence.

Born March 26, 1919 in Walkerton, he was the son of Orton Verl and Minnie Alice Brown Slater. He was married March 26, 1942 in Fulton to Lucille F. Cunningham. She died February 18, 2004.

Mr. Slater retired from Chrysler Corporation, Kokomo. He had also worked for the railroad, was a parts manager for Grable Chevrolet, Twelve Mile, a school bus driver for Caston School Corporation, a farmer, and a barn and house painter.

After his retirement, he stayed active, enjoying mowing yards including the Fulton and Salem cemeteries. His hobbies included restoring and rebuilding his Ford tractor he had owned since 1953. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army and had been a member of the former West Union Methodist Church north of Royal Center.

Survivors include his daughter, Sharon Button and her husband, Don, Kewanna; one son, Kenneth Slater and his wife, Pam, Kewanna; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Owen Slater and his wife, Evelyn, Phoenix, Arizona; and one sister, June Reed and her

husband, George, Mentone. Five brothers, a half-brother, two sisters and a half-sister preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

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CLAIRE E. STRONG

Clair E. Strong, 88, Rochester, died at 3 a.m. Monday, May 29, 2006, at Life Care Center of Rochester where he had been a patient for one week.

Born December 7, 1917, near Mt. Zion in Fulton County, he was the son of Merr Dean and Sarah Dorothy Feese Strong. He was married April 20, 1944 in Jackson, Mississippi to Betty Jane Guise.

He served the country for five years during World War II as an ordinance disposal technician, detonating land mines and diffusing bombs.

Upon his return to Fulton County, Clair became a dairy farmer and also raised corn, oats and hay. As a father, he taught his daughters how to drive the tractor as soon as they were tall enough to reach the clutch. During this time, he also served many years as a 4-H leader.

Over the years one of his best kept secrets was his ability as an exceptional winemaker. His forte was fruit wines including grape, dandelion and elderberry. He shared his savory blends with family, friends and fellow hunters.

His other hobbies included woodworking, fishing, hunting and gardening. Iris was the most prominent and his favorite flower. Paramount in his life was his family. He loved and adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cherished his daughters and revered his wife, Betty.

Surviving besides his wife are three daughters, Elizabeth Dermody and her husband, Bill Sr., Zion, Illinois, Cynthia Claire Cory and her husband, Tim, Hazard, Kentucky, and Lisa Blocker and her husband, Brent, Argos; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Charles Reid, South

Bend; two nieces and two nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Melinda; three sisters; one brother; two nephews and one niece.

Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to services which will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 2. Pastor James Wasmuth will officiate and

burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post 36 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 1343.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at goodfamily@rcol.com.
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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Indianapolis Charity Horse Show: May 31 - June 3 in the Pepsi Coliseum and West Pavilion. Hours: Wed. 7 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Admission: \$4 for evening sessions.

Indiana Motor Truck Association Truck Rodeo: June 3 in the Midway lot and Northwest Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free.

Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show: June 2-4 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. 1 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indiana Christian Expo: June 2-4 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion &

Midwest Summer Outdoor & Recreation Show: June 9-11 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m. Admission: adults \$7, children 12 and younger and seniors (65+), free

Republic Services Truck Rodeo: June 10 in the Midway Lot. Hours: Sat. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: free

Indiana State Fair Young Hoosier Pianist Competition: June 10-11 in the Old National Bank Grand Hall. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to noon & 1 to 6 p.m.; Sun. 1 to 4 p.m. Admission: free
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June 1, 1951

The Urbin Auto Company bowling team placed fourth in the Booster League at the ABC National Tournament held May 26 and 27 in St. Paul, Minnesota. They were in competition with 2,231 teams. The highlight of the team competition was Lester Shidaker's 266 game. Other team members include Elmer Seidel, Willard Clark, John Urbin and Jack Vigus.

Judd Crabill, Union Township trustee, announced today that Miss Catherine Byers has been hired to teach home economics and biology at Kewanna. A native of Hillsdale, she taught last year at Roann.

Many Kewanna merchants have taken advantage of favorable weather to make major repairs and improvements. The Gillespie locker plant has replaced worn sills in the floor and is laying a new floor in the display area. Van Meter Implement Store will move into its new addition for tractor and farm implement repairs as soon as they can secure and install electrical conduit. An air conditioning system was put in operation at the Key

Theatre Thursday. The addition to Topps Garment Factory is progressing rapidly. They have the cement block basement in and one wall above ground in nearing completion.

Drilling of new wells for the Kewanna Water Works is expected to start within a week. The new wells will be stationed on a strip of land purchased from John Heiden, east of the town and southeast of the railroad tower. The building at the well site will be constructed by Harold Woolington who has sublet the wiring to Jesse Weller.

The Kewanna High School class of 1909 will have its first class reunion June 20. Like all classes, they vowed to be different and never lose touch with one another. In making a place for themselves in this life, many of them went to far places. One member, Loyd Collins, lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. Another, Ethel (Hickle) Cahill, lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Nelson Hudkins of Elkhart has been instrumental in organizing this long awaited get-together.

Four air-minded couples flew to Chanute Field Sunday to observe the annual demonstration of our air

power. The pilots and passengers attending from Kewanna were Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Earp, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dague, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cunningham and son and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leasure. Other interested parties who traversed by ground transportation were Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Carr, Jesse Weller, Raymond Weller and Dick Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wilson and family of Bremen and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Felder, new residents of a farm near Kewanna, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson at a dinner in honor of Dennis Wilson's seventh birthday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 31, 1956

Carl Harman, principal and mathematics teacher here for the past five years, announced this week that he has signed with the Idaville school for the same position.

Richard Cox, Rt. 3, Kewanna, a student at Kewanna High School, will attend the 11th annual high school music clinic to be held July 7-15 at Indiana University.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Zellers, Rochester, a son May 28. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces and has been named Larry Stephen. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Zellers of Kewanna are the paternal grandparents.

Eugene Thomas, a senior at Purdue University, has been elected president of the Student Fellowship, an organization which provides Christian fellowship for students on campus.

The awning over the doorway at the Masonic Hall was ripped off Saturday night by a truck traveling through the alley.

Automobiles operated by Mrs. Robert Troutman, Rt. 3, Kewanna, and Loy Sheetz, Rt. 5, Rochester, collided at 10 a.m. Monday in Rochester. Both drivers backed out of opposite diagonal parking places at the same time. Minor damage

was reported.

Several friends of Sharon Slayter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Slayter, helped her celebrate her ninth birthday Sunday afternoon in her home. Guests included Shirley Fultz, Yvonne Thomas, Charlene Thomas, Joyce Hizer, Shirley Scott, Jeanne and Judy Dague, and Kenneth Slayter.

Jimmy Weller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Weller, underwent a tonsilectomy at Woodlawn Hospital Friday.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 1, 1961

Mrs. Harry Johnston and Mrs. Emily Hale of Aubbeenaubee township, Mrs. Earl Mills, Mrs. Ethel Smith and Mrs. Burdette Garner of Union township and Mrs. Elgy Rentschler and Mrs. Clarence Culp of Liberty township attended the Midwestern Area Council of Indiana Hospital Auxiliaries Association's second annual meeting May 17 at the Presbyterian Church in Monticello.

Fifty-nine of the 140 senior medical students who will receive their degrees from Indiana University June 5 will serve internships in Hoosier hospitals with other members of the class joining the medical staffs of 51 hospitals in 21 other states. Dr. Paul L. Guise of Kewanna will intern at Detroit Receiving Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

The regular stated meeting of the Faith Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, was held May 31 at the Kewanna Masonic Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Advisor, Karen Whiteman.

Mary Nell Masteller is attending 4-H Roundup at Purdue this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis and children were in Upland Sunday evening where they attended baccalaureate services at Taylor University. Joan Graffis is a member of the graduating class.

Lester Shidaker announced the first anniversary celebration of his new DX service station at Logan and Aurora streets in Kewanna. A set of four glasses will be given to each adult driver and there will be free coffee, donuts, cokes, lollipops and balloons.

FORTY YEARS AGO

June 2, 1966

Larry Plummer, Kewanna, will graduate from Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado, with a bachelor of arts degree. Colorado State is one of the top five teacher colleges in the U.S.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sheridan, Kewanna, a daughter at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Faith Assembly, Order of Rainbow For Girls, hosted a reception May 28 for Susan Donathen, Grand Representative to the State of Maine. A prelude of piano music was given by Kathy Hogan. The welcome was given by Eileen Donathen, Mother Advisor. Susan was escorted to the East by drill leader, Beth Ann Reason.

Mike Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, arrived home Tuesday for a two-week leave from the U.S. Navy. Following his leave he will enter survival school and then go to Vietnam for 12 to 18 months of shore duty.

Danny Corbett, who has been serving with the U.S. Navy Medical Corp in Japan for the last two years, left Sunday for San Diego, California, for a six month period, after which he will go to Vietnam. Danny spent the last month in the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corbett.

Julia Bauman gave a demonstration concerning health when the Wayne Wide Awake 4-H Club met at her home May 24. The meeting was called to order by the president Shirley Crippen. Pledges were given by Rita Huffman and Cathy Miller. Group singing was led by June Dague.

Letter To The Editor

What is that I forgot to check?

Time to check out the lawn mower, roto-tiller, air conditioner and anything else that has been stored over the winter to insure it is ready to use. It is time to give that dirty, muddy and littered automobile a wash and wax to eliminate road salt and grime and clutter from the winter that has just past. But is there something else that is not seen or thought of, or spoken of on a regular basis that we should be thinking about during the wet climes of the spring? That unnoticeable thing that is located in the yard, which has a significant cost to the average homeowner, but no trade-in value! What is it?

During the past few meetings I have attended, I have been extremely surprised that when I asked about where this unspeakable thing was located, when was the last time you had this thing pumped or do you know where it is I got a resounding "I don't know!"

The above unthought-of, unspoken of and usually forgotten about is your septic system. A properly installed system should survive 15-20 years of continuous use. However, like our automobiles it needs to have its tank pumped every 1,825 days more or less to keep the sludge buildup down. The leach field should not have a motocross track or heavy equipment ran over it. To perform this endeavor one must know where it is located.

Please be advised that based on the above survival data, homes built or septic systems repaired 15-20 years ago could be on the verge of expiration. It would not hurt to give them a spring cleaning, too. Remember anytime they need to be repaired, you need a permit. A repair will require them to be brought up to current Indiana Department of Health and Fulton County Health Department (FCHD) codes.

If you need further information, please contact the FCHD office at 574-223-7730 and ask for Bill Mills.

Oh, now I remember what it was! I should have my well water checked too. If the iron and copper level is higher than what it was five years ago, I may need to have my softener resin changed out.

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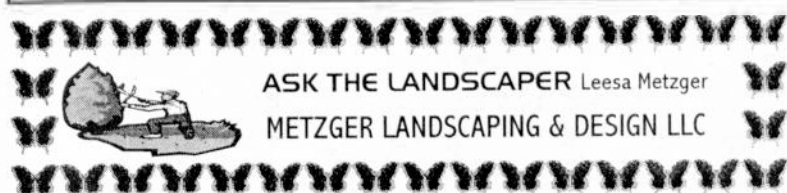
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Too "Mulch" of a Good Thing?

Professional landscape designer and former agriculture, botany, and horticulture teacher answers local reader's questions about gardening, plant care and maintenance, and flowering choices.

Q. What's the best kind of mulch to use and how much mulch is too much around a tree? -Frank H.

A. Mulching is one of the most beneficial things a home owner can do for the health of a tree. Mulch can reduce water loss from the soil, minimize weed competition, and improve soil structure. When properly applied, mulch can give landscapes a handsome, well-groomed appearance. Mulch must be applied properly; if it is too deep or if the wrong material is used, it can actually cause significant harm to trees and other landscape plants.

Trees growing in a natural forest environment have their roots anchored in a rich, well-aerated soil full of essential nutrients. The soil is blanketed by leaves and organic materials that replenish nutrients and provide an optimal environment for root growth and mineral uptake. Urban landscapes, however, are typically a much harsher environment with poor soils, little organic matter, and large fluctuations in temperature and moisture. Applying a 2- to 4-inch layer of organic mulch can mimic a more natural environment and improve plant health.

Mulches are available commercially in many forms. The two major types of mulch are inorganic and organic. Inorganic mulches include various types of stone, lava rock, pulverized rubber, geotextile fabrics, and other materials. Inorganic mulches do not decompose and do not need to be replenished often. On the other hand, they do not improve soil structure, add organic materials, or provide nutrients. For these reasons, most horticulturists and arborists prefer organic mulches.

Organic mulches include wood chips, pine needles, hardwood and softwood bark, cocoa hulls, leaves, compost mixes, and a variety of other products usually derived from plants. Organic mulches decompose in the landscape at different rates depending upon the material. Those that decompose faster must be replenished more often. Most organic mulches must be replenished, but the rate of decomposition varies.

Landscape professionals recommend the use of quality hardwood mulch, as it lasts longer than softwood and other mulches while greatly improving soil quality. Quality hardwood mulch ranges from \$25-\$35 per cubic yard. Beware of "cheap" mulch, as it is likely made from old, ground-up wood pallets and contains pieces of nails. Mulches advertised as containing "gypsum" often contains discarded, crushed drywall and

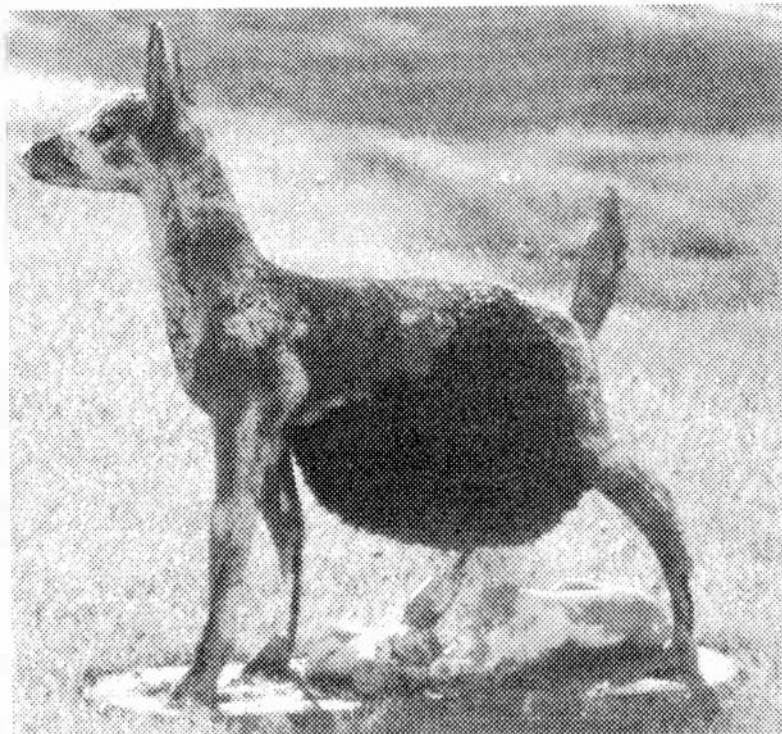
other various "trash" materials. Cheap mulch isn't what homeowners want beneath their children's swing-set or added to their flowerbeds.

As beneficial as mulch is, too much can be harmful. The general recommendation mulching depth is 2 to 4 inches. Unfortunately, North American landscapes are falling victim to a plague of overmulching. A new term, "mulch volcanoes," has emerged to describe mulch that has been piled up around the base of trees. Mulch volcanoes around trees leads to excess moisture in the root zone, which can stress a plant and cause root rot in young plants. Piling mulch against the trunk or stems of plants can stress stem tissues and may lead to insect and disease problems. Mulch volcanoes create a habitat for insects and rodents that chew on the bark, resulting in tree girdling.

A 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch will reduce the germination and growth of weeds. This mulch layer serves as nature's insulating blanket. Mulch keeps soils warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Many types of mulch can improve soil aeration, structure (aggregation of soil particles), and drainage over time. Mulching around trees also helps facilitate maintenance and can reduce the likelihood of damage from "weed whackers" or the dreaded "lawn mower blight." Aesthetically, proper mulching gives the planting beds the uniform, attractive and well-cared-for look that is continually desired in the landscape.

For professional advice send questions to a link at www.metzgerlandscaping.net or Leesa Metzger c/o The Observer, Box 307, Kewanna, IN 46939. Questions will be prioritized and answered in Leesa Metzger's 'Ask the Landscaper' column.

Recycling Days
Sat., June 3rd,
Fri., June 16-30



This cement deer on the lawn at the Ed Baird residence east of Kewanna looks like it has a massive growth, but it is actually housing a huge swarm of bees.



Alex Walsh to Attend Bethel

Alex Walsh, a senior from South Vermillion High School in Clinton, Indiana, has signed a letter of intent to join the Bethel College men's track and field program. Walsh is an extremely versatile athlete. He has done the long jump, the 400m dash, the 110m hurdles and the 300m hurdles during his high school career. Alex has also been a part of the 4x400m relay team. His personal bests are 20' in the long jump, 52.8 in the 400m, 43.99 in the 300m hurdles, 18.32 in the 110m hurdles, and 3:35 in the 4x400m relay. The relay time is a school record. Alex will also be involved in the javelin and the triple jump at Bethel. "Alex's best days of Track are still ahead of him," says Head Track coach Tony Natali. "He has a great deal of potential to have a great college career. His versatility is a strong draw. Alex will be able to help our team in many different areas. We will work with him once he gets on campus and then determine where his gifts can be best used to benefit himself individually and the team as a whole," added Coach Natali. Alex also received an academic scholarship to attend Bethel College.

"Alex has been a standout athlete at South Vermillion and we are pleased to have had him run track for 4 years. Alex will do well at Bethel," said South Vermillion head track coach Mike Costello.

Alex is the son of Kerry and Mary Beth Walsh. Kerry is a former Kewanna resident and a

Alex Walsh, front and center, is pictured here with his mother, Mary Beth and his father, Kerry Walsh. Shown in the back row are Chad Contri, assistant track coach at South Vermillion; Tony Natali, head Bethel track coach; and Mike Costello, head track coach at South Vermillion.

Caston grad. Alex is the grandson of Ellen Walsh and the late Al Walsh of here.

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Filing Deadline

According to Fulton County Auditor Denise Bonnell June 12 is the deadline for filing for the following tax deductions:

- mortgage deduction
- age 65 deduction
- blind or disabled deduction
- all veteran's deductions
- geothermal energy/heating/cooling device deduction
- hydroelectric power device deduction

Persons filing for the deductions must have owned their real estate as of March 1, 2005. There are also other restrictions. For more information, call the auditor's office at 574-223-2912.

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- Small amounts of any type of scrap metal are accepted
- Aerosol cans - remove lids

### Miscellaneous

- AAA-D, hearing aid, watch and rechargeable batteries
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## Letter To The Editor

### Redbud Trail Thank You

The Fulton County Historical Society would like to thank everyone that attended and took part in the Redbud Trail Rendezvous April 29-30. The weather cooperated on Saturday for the historic wedding and then we had rain on Sunday but still had an enjoyable weekend. The redbud trees were beautiful and in bloom for the 3,800 people that attended the festival.

Congratulations to Nigel and Molly Troeger Kohler on their wedding during the Redbud Trail Rendezvous - wishing them many years of happiness. Thanks to all the re-enactors from the Seven Years War group for taking part in the wedding and to all participants for participating in the festival.

Special thanks to: Burger King, McDonald's, Wendy's, and others not mentioned for donation of supplies for the food booth; Jim Straetor, New Holland, for donating the use of a tractor and mower for the festival; Dan and Sharon Peters for providing rides for the wedding guests from the museum to the festival area; Fulton County Probation Department for workers; and the Metocinyah Longrifles for help with getting ready for the festival. Also, thanks to the Rochester Sentinel and advertisers for the full-page display and Mike Kenny for the excellent photos and coverage.

Ads were paid for in part by a grant from the Fulton County Tourism Commission. Thank you to the Shopping Guide, The Observer, The Rochester Sentinel and WRO1 for placing our ads and news in your newspapers. Other papers including the South Bend Tribune and the Logansport Pharos-Tribune included stories as well.

Thank you to the program personnel for great programs on the stage which included Mark Gropp with his bagpipes; Kim Hoover of Hoots to Howls; Nan Edwards and Margo Moore with Newfoundland dogs; Mark &

Liza Woolever with several instruments and for providing music for the Frontier Frolic dancers; and for the Native Americans that provided us with some Indian dances.

Upcoming fundraising events for the museum include: annual fish and chicken fry by Ernie Hiatt, May 20, at the museum - proceeds to go toward operating expenses; Fulton County Historical Power Show, June 16-18, featuring John Deere equipment and honoring Bailey's Hardware; and the Trail of Courage Living History Festival, Sept. 16 & 17. New this year is the Seven Years War Field Day, Oct. 7 & 8 and the Haunted Woods Trail, Oct. 13 & 14 to be held on the FCHS grounds.

Ruby Reed, FCHS President  
Melinda Clinger, Museum Director

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### Trash Bash 2006 Shatters Records

INDOT crews and volunteer groups collected more than 60,000 bags of trash

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Vacation season is underway in the Hoosier state, and thanks to the effort of hundreds of volunteers, Indiana travelers will enjoy spruced up highways while driving across the state. Since 1997, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has coordinated with Adopt-A-Highway volunteers and the Indiana Department of Corrections to "spring clean" every mile of Interstate during Trash Bash. Each year, hundreds of tons of trash are collected - sprucing up the highways in time for nice weather.

Trash Bash 2006 shattered records for the amount of trash collected. In a typical Trash Bash around 340 tons of trash is collected. This year, Trash Bash crews collected a massive 472 tons of trash. Trash Bash crews cleaned a total of 4,067 miles of highway and collected more than 62,000 bags of trash. Adopt-A-Highway volunteers played a significant role in this year's success, with more than 238 Adopt-A-Highway groups participating in Trash Bash

### Foundation Golf Outing Champions



Photo by Lori Wolfe/HSPA

Top team members in the 2006 HSPA Foundation Golf Outing May 18 at Southern Dunes Golf Course in Indianapolis show off their \$75 gift certificates after shooting a 10-under-par 60 in the scramble. The winning foursome included (from left) Jeff Good and Joe Good representing The Observer (Kewanna), Alan Wolfgang of Parade Magazine, and Jack Pate, publisher of The Evansville Courier & Press. Keith Robinson, Indianapolis bureau chief of The Associated Press, Pat Bradshaw of the AP, Keith Fleming of The Indianapolis Star and Kyle Evans of The Star Press (Muncie) had the second best score at 62. Johnny Martinez and Cheryl Joyce, both of the Palladium-Item (Richmond), won the longest putt holes. John Greavu, guest, and Chuck Wells of The Republic (Columbus) had the longest drives on the two designated holes. The Antepenultimate Encouragement Award sponsored by the AP went to the team from The Herald-Press (Huntington): Mike Quayle, Mike Perkins, Larry Hensley and Marty Alexander. The annual award goes to the team placing third from the last.

statewide.

Along with the typical assortment of bottles, candy wrappers and cans, Trash Bash volunteers found a number of unusual items; among them a refrigerator, a football, a basketball and the molding from a '57 Chevy.

INDOT is encouraging Hoosiers to help clean up and prevent litter on Indiana highways until Trash Bash 2007 by following these tips:

- Set an example for others, especially children, by not littering.
- Carry a litter bag in your car.
- Make sure trash cans have lids that can be securely fastened.
- Tie papers in a bundle before placing them in a curbside recycling bin.
- If you own a business, check dumpsters daily to see that top and side doors are closed.
- Report areas where people have illegally dumped garbage

and debris to your local transportation, public works or conservation office, and ask that the material be removed.

If you or a member of your family is involved in a civic group, scouting or recreational sports program, encourage the group to "Adopt-A-Highway" and maintain it on a regular basis. Call (317) 232-5509 for details.

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DENISE J. BONNELL  
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Pub. 6/01/06

### Fulton County Drainage Board Public Hearing Notice

On or about June 30, 2006, Fulton County intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Rural Affairs for a grant from the Office's Community Focus Planning Fund of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following

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activities: complete a preliminary engineering report in respect to drainage issues in Akron, Indiana, complete a preliminary rate study in respect to a proposed improvements project and complete an environmental review study for the proposed project. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$30,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is \$15,300. The Applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$3,300 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: funds on hand.

Fulton County will hold a public hearing on June 12, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners/Council room located on the first floor of the Fulton County Annex Building in Rochester, Indiana, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Jean Cloud at 574-223-3492 not later than June 9, 2006. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of June 1, 2006, at the office of Drainage Board located on the lower level of the Fulton County Annex Building in Rochester, IN from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.(EDT), Monday - Thursday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m (EDT), Friday. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Shannon McLeod, Priority Project Resources, 531 Sycamore Trace, Greensburg, IN 47240, no later than June 9, 2006, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by Fulton County and is also available to the public. However, this project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact: Shannon

McLeod, Priority Project Resources, 812-663-7385, Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcoholic Beverage Board of Fulton County, Indiana, will hold a public hearing at 1:00 PM on June 21, 2006, at the Conference Room, County Annex, Fulton County Office Bldg., in the city of Rochester in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:

DL2521844 Dealer - Beer, Wine and Liquor, Renewal; Kroger Limited Partnership I, St Rd 25 & 18th St., Rochester; D/B/A Kroger J-887.

RR2501239 Retailer - Beer, Wine and Liquor; Renewal, White Horse, Inc., 128 Eighth Street, Rochester; D/B/A Salty's; Ricky A Thompson, 1576 N Old Hwy 31, Rochester, Pres.; Ricky A Thompson, 1576 N Old Hwy 31, Rochester, Sec'y.

RR2505051 Retailer - Beer, Wine and Liquor, Renewal; L N C Inc., 1617 Main St. Rochester; D/B/A Rumors Nite Club; Lance S Young, 301 W Olson Rd., Rochester, Pres.; Lance S Young, 301 W Olson Rd., Rochester, Sec'y.

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Helen Miller spent Friday and Saturday with her daughter, Judy Mills, at Kokomo. Saturday evening, she attended Judy's wedding to John Scott of Frankfort.

Monday evening supper guests of Joe and Karen Good were Ryan Baker and Leslie Bedrock of West Lafayette, Forrest and Elnora Baker, Bruce and Denise Baker, Daniel Baker, Andrea Gunter, Mark and Kelly Smith, Kara and Zachary, and Larry and Pat Bucks. The group helped Forrest celebrate his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Raymond Engle, Ruth Talbott and Ralph and Phyllis Hamman were Tuesday evening dinner guests of Howard Johnston at the Main Street Grill in Rochester. Howard was visiting here from his home in Jacksonville, Alabama to decorate family graves and attend the Manchester College alumni banquet. All recipients of the prestigious Manchester Alumni Award were issued special invitations to attend the event.

Persons celebrating birthdays next week include: Lori Kamp, June 4; Frances Easterday and Chad Weller, June 5; Hannah Miller, Harry Richter, Seth Scantlen and Junior Sutton, June 6; Jon Gast, Don Kegarise, Judy DeWitt, Mike Rude, Brent Studebaker, Courtney Thomas and Pauline Eikenberry, June 7; Jeff Markley, June 8; Brian Estes, Eric Ousley and Maddison Smith, June 9; Bea Ann Clark, Mindy Douglass, Jennifer Evers and Kyle Rans, June 10. Couples celebrating anniversaries include Mr. and Mrs. Ron Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Zellers, June 5; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cogdill, June 6; Mr. and Mrs. Jarrod Hickie, June 7; Mr. and Mrs. Juan Sanchez, June 8; and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Markle, June 10.

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### Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for June 14, call 574-223-3326.

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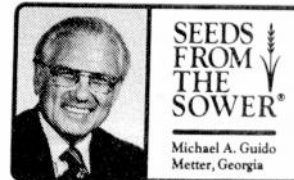
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### NIPSCO OFFERS PARENTS SUMMERTIME ELECTRIC SAFETY TIPS

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. — As the school year draws to a close and children become more active outdoors, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) encourages parents throughout Northwest Indiana to discuss the following summertime electric safety tip reminders with their children:

- Do not climb up utility poles or onto pad-mounted transformers;
- Never climb a tree with wires running near or though the limbs;
- Keep kites, balloons, model airplanes and other toys away from power lines at all times. Also, never throw anything onto or over a utility line.
- Before beginning any project that involves ladders, antennas or anything else that could come in contact with a utility line, look up first;
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### Notice To Residents

On June 1, the Kewanna Police Department will begin issuing citations for violations of town ordinances.

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